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This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28, filed November 15, 2004 (certificate of mailing date November 9, 2004).

On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. See <u>DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc.</u> 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 CFR 1.56. 1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989). Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby ACCEPTED.

Inquiries related to this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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